

Bentley Academy Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
11/28/2018

Present: Carli Kusiolek (Chair), George Atkins, Dick Pabich, Mary Hayes, Jonathan Bailey, Hai Son

Via Phone: Sarah Toce, Ryan Lovell, Alyce Davis (Vice Chair)

Also Present: Marlena Afonso (Head of School)

Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 6:05pm

Motion to approve the minutes made by DP and seconded by MH. All in favor.

Head of School Update

- Enrollment and Recruitment: A new application was posted for next school year; 10 applicants thus far.
- Human Resources: Hired a new paraprofessional; they begin at BACS at the end of November. New teacher began in the 4th-grade science/social studies role.
- Professional Development: Two half-day professional development days in December. Both days will be focused on family engagement and preparing for PTS conferences. New initiative in grades 1 and 5: scholar-led conferences.

Academic Update:

- Review of ANET 1 Interim Data from both ELA and Math assessments
ANET 2 Interim assessment will be given the week of 12/3 for ELA and 12/10 for Math. Data action plans for A1-A2 are in effect. Teachers are excited to be using ANET again

Communications Committee Updates

- ST shares that DESE wants individual unions to determine the interpretation of the current language.
- Option B is getting Innovation status.
- ST will share different autonomous school models via email.
- AD and CK share update from meeting with Superintendent and Mayor
 - Mayor and Superintendent will communicate with local union reps

Charter Renewal Updates

- Intent to Renew is due in July-August 2019 (needs to be signed by union)
- Actual renewal application is similar to annual report in terms of length
- Additional autonomous models will be shared by ST to Board Members.

Finance Update

- More net income in October due to more federal grants and less expenses
- Enough cash for 4 months of operations (including supplies and salaries)
- We want to start doing financial forecast to ensure that the budget supports strategic planning for SY20
- Prepare a draft for January meeting

Committee Updates

- PTA raised over \$20,000 during Halloween season; a large amount is going to enrichment programs
- Head of School self-assessment and goals for SY19 will be shared at next board meeting
- ST announced that she is stepping down from the board.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:04pm by DP, seconded by JB. All in favor.